

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 539

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Ravenwood High School girls' rugby team upon winning 2007 Girls Cup Division state rugby championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Ravenwood High School girls' rugby program is one such estimable sports team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007 season, establishing an undefeated record of nine wins against zero losses on its way to claiming the Girls Cup Division state rugby championship; and

WHEREAS, the highly accomplished and athletically gifted young women of the Ravenwood rugby team won the state title by prevailing over the powerhouse Maryville team, the 2004 and 2005 state champions, by a score of 10-3; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Richard Boone laid the groundwork for this year's championship team by sharing with these young women his substantial knowledge of rugby, his athletic experience, and his passion both for the sport of rugby and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the able leadership of Mr. Boone, the Lady Raptors benefited from the tireless and committed work of Assistant Coaches Frank Pisacane and Rob Brown; and

WHEREAS, the Ravenwood Lady Raptors rugby team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of

young women not only made possible a championship rugby season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Ravenwood High School girls' rugby team for winning the state championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Richard Boone and the Ravenwood High School girls' rugby players upon winning the 2007 state rugby championship, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.